### Preliminary Classification:

Proposed Class:

Subclass:

NOTE: "All applicants are requested to include a preliminary classification on newly filed patent applications. The preliminary classification, preferably class and subclass designations, should be identified in the upper right-hand comer of the letter of transmittal accompanying the application papers, for example 'Proposed Class 2, subclass 129.' " M.P.E.P. § 601, 7th ed.

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Box Patent Application** Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

# **NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

WARNING: 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(a)(1) points out:

"(a) A patent is applied for in the name or names of the actual inventor or inventors.

"(1) The inventorship of a nonprovisional application is that inventorship set forth in the oath or declaration as prescribed by § 1.63, except as provided for in § 1.53(d)(4) and § 1.63(d). If an oath or declaration as prescribed by § 1.63 is not filed during the pendency of a nonprovisional application, the inventorship is that inventorship set forth in the application papers filed pursuant to \$ 1.53(b), unless a petition under this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in \$ 1.17(i) is filed supplying or changing the name or names of the inventor or inventors."

For (title): System and Method for Real-Time Electronic Inquiry, Delivery, and Reporting of Credit Information

## CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10\*

(Express Mail label number is mandatory.) (Express Mail certification is optional.)

I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date Oct. 19. 1999 as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," mailing Label Number <u>EE4367206681</u> dressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

(type or print name of person mailing paper)

WARNING: Certificate of mailing (first class) or facsimile transmission procedures of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 cannot be used to obtain a date of mailing or transmission for this correspondence.

\*WARNING: Each paper or fee filed by "Express Mail" must have the number of the "Express Mail" mailing label placed thereon prior to mailing. 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(b).

> "Since the filing of correspondence under § 1.10 without the Express Mail mailing label thereon is an oversight that can be avoided by the exercise of reasonable care, requests for waiver of this requirement will not be granted on petition." Notice of Oct. 24, 1996, 60 Fed. Reg. 56,439, at 56,442.

> > (New Application Transmittal [4-1]—page 1 of 11)

UT



# 1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n)

(check one applicable item below)

X	Onginai (nonprovisionai)
	Design
	☐ Plant
WARNIN	G: Do not use this transmittal for a completion in the U.S. of an International Application under 3 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4), unless the International Application is being filed as a divisional, continuatio or continuation-in-part application.
WARNIN	G: Do not use this transmittal for the filing of a provisional application.
	If one of the following 3 items apply, then complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED and a NOTIFICATION IN PARENT APPLICATION OF THE FILING OF THIS CONTINUATION APPLICATION.
	Divisional.
	Continuation.
	Continuation-in-part (C-I-P).
	Sit of Brian II.C. Application(s) (35 II.S.C. && 110(s), 120, or 121)

## 2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

NOTE: A nonprovisional application may claim an invention disclosed in one or more prior filed copending nonprovisional applications or copending international applications designating the United States of America. In order for a nonprovisional application to claim the benefit of a prior filed copending nonprovisional application or copending international application designating the United States of America, each prior application must name as an inventor at least one inventor named in the later filed nonprovisional application and disclose the named inventor's invention claimed in at least one claim of the later filed nonprovisional application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Each prior application must also be:

- (i) An international application entitled to a filing date in accordance with PCT Article 11 and designating the United States of America; or
  - (ii) Complete as set forth in § 1.51(b); or
- (iii) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) or § 1.53(d) and include the basic filing fee set forth in § 1.16; or
- (iv) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) and have paid therein the processing and retention fee set forth in § 1.21(l) within the time period set forth in § 1.53(f).

37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1).

NOTE: If the new application being transmitted is a divisional, continuation or a continuation-in-part of a parent case, or where the parent case is an International Application which designated the U.S., or benefit of a prior provisional application is claimed, then check the following item and complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

WARNING: If an application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed application under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121 or 365(c), the 20-year term of that application will be based upon the filing date of the earliest U.S. application that the application makes reference to under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121 or 365(c). (35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2) does not take into account, for the determination of the patent term, any application on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119, 365(a) or 365(b).) For a c-i-p application, applicant should review whether any claim in the patent that will issue is supported by an earlier application and, if not, the applicant should consider canceling the reference to the earlier filed application. The term of a patent is not based on a claim-by-claim approach. See Notice of April 14, 1995, 60 Fed. Reg. 20,195, at 20,205.

(New Application Transmittal [4-1]—page 2 of 11)

WARNING	When the last day of pendency of a provisional application falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, any nonprovisional application claiming benefit of the provisional application must be filed prior to the Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3).
	The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s). Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.
3. Paper	s Enclosed
	uired for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 sign) Application
21 P	ages of specification
_9_ Pa	ages of claims
16 SI	neets of drawing
WARNING	DO NOT submit original drawings. A high quality copy of the drawings should be supplied when filing a patent application. The drawings that are submitted to the Office must be on strong, white, smooth, and non-shiny paper and meet the standards according to § 1.84. If corrections to the drawings are necessary, they should be made to the original drawing and a high-quality copy of the corrected original drawing then submitted to the Office. Only one copy is required or desired. For comments on proposed then-new 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, see Notice of March 9, 1988 (1990 O.G. 57-62).
in: th or	dentifying indicia, if provided, should include the application number or the title of the invention, ventor's name, dodket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to call if e Office is unable to match the drawings to the proper application. This information should be placed in the back of each sheet of drawing a minimum distance of 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch) down from the top the page " 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c)).
	(complete the following, if applicable)
	The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a "PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)." C7 C.F.R. § 1.84(b).
	formal
×	informal
B. Oth	er Papers Enclosed
_2 Pa	ages of declaration and power of attorney
Pä	ages of abstract
0	ther
4. Additi	onal papers enclosed
	Amendment to claims
	☐ Cancel in this applications claims before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
	Add the claims shown on the attached amendment. (Claims added have been numbered consecutively following the highest numbered original claims.)
	Preliminary Amendment
×	Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
×	Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
×	Citations
	(New Application Transmittal [4-1]—page 3 of 11)

5.

		~
	Dec	aration of Biological Deposit
	pert	nission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy and/or amendment aining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or so acid sequence.
	Auth tive	orization of Attorney(s) to Accept and Follow Instructions from Representa-
	Spe	cial Comments
	Othe	er e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e
Decl	aratio	or oath (including power of attorney)
	the prior by all or applicate the sign by a sta being fi declarate person execute	executed declaration is not required in a continuation or divisional application provided that a nonprovisional application contained a declaration as required, the application being filed is fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, there is no new matter in the on being filed, and a copy of the executed declaration filed in the prior application (showing attere or an indication thereon that it was signed) is submitted. The copy must be accompanied terment requesting deletion of the names of person(s) who are not inventors of the application ed. If the declaration in the prior application was filed under § 1.47, then a copy of that for must be filed accompanied by a copy of the decision granting § 1.47 status or, if a nonsigning under § 1.47 has subsequently joined in a prior application, then a copy of the subsequently of declaration must be filed. See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(1)–(3).
	is direct abbrevia country	ation filed to complete an application must be executed, identify the specification to which it ad, identify each inventor by full name including family name and at least one given name, without tion together with any other given name or Initial, and the residence, post office address and or citizenship of each inventor, and state whether the inventor is a sole or joint inventor. 37 1.63(a)(1)-(4).
	as presonas	entorship of a nonprovisional application is that inventorship set forth in the oath or declaration ribed by § 1.62, except as provided for in § 1.53(d)(4) and § 1.63(d). If an oath or declaration ribed by § 1.63 is not filed during the pendency of a nonprovisional application, the inventorship ventorship set forth in the application papers filed pursuant to § 1.53(b), unless a petition under agraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(f) is filed supplying or changing the name as of the inventor or inventors." 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(a)(1).
×		osed
	Exe	cuted by Shad Hedy
		(check all applicable boxes)
	Ø	inventor(s).
		legal representative of inventor(s). 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.42 or 1.43.
		joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached.
		☐ This is the petition required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 and the statement required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 is also attached. See item 13 below for fee.
		Enclosed.
IOTE:	the U.S	the filing is a completion in the U.S. of an International Application or where the completion of application contains subject matter in addition to the International Application, the application treated as a continuation or continuation-in-part, as the case may be, utilizing ADDED PAGE WAPPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED.
	X	Application is made by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c) on behalf of all the above named inventor(s)

(New Application Transmittal [4-1]—page 4 of 11)

(The declaration or oath, along with the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) can be filed subsequently).
Showing that the filing is authorized. (not required unless called into question. 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(d))
3. Inventorship Statement
WARNING: If the named inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.
The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:
☑ The same.
or
□ Not the same. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made,
☐ is submitted.
☐ will be submitted.
7. Language
NOTE: An application including a signed oath or declaration may be filed in a language other than English. An English translation of the non-English language application and the processing fee of \$130.00 required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(k) is required to be filed with the application, or within such time as may be set by the Office. 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).
🗵 English
☐ Non-English
☐ The attached translation includes a statement that the translation is accurate. 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).
B. Assignment
☐ An assignment of the invention to <u>Advanced Business</u>
Computers of America, Inc.
is attached. A separate ☐ "COVER" SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW/PATENT APPLICATION" on ☐ FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.
☐ will follow.
NOTE: "If an assignment is submitted with a new application; send two separate letters-one for the application and one for the assignment." Notice of May 4, 1990 (1114/0.G. 77-78).
WARNING: A newly executed "CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)" must be filed when a continuation-in-part application is filed by an assignee. Notice of April 30, 1993, 1150 O.G. 62-64.

(New Application Transmittal [4-1]—page 5 of 11)

# 9. Certified Copy

Certified copy(ies) of application(s)

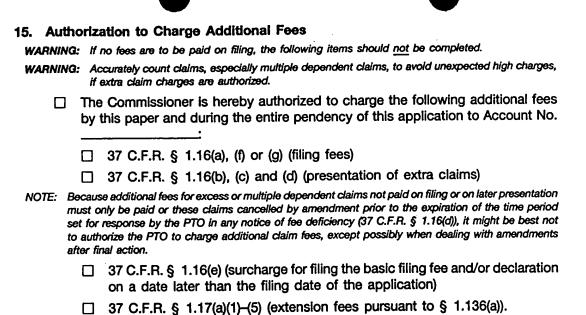
Country				Appln. No.						Filed	
Country			Appln. No.					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Filed		
Countr	y				Appln. N	0.				Filed	
from which	h priority	is clair	ned								
	is (are) a	ttache	d.								
	will follow	w.									
	ne foreign ap eclaration. 3					laim for	prio	ority must	t be referred to in	the oath or	
U. \$ P/	S. application 120 is itself	on or Inte entitled	emational to priority	Applicat from a p	tion from wh prior foreign	nich this applica	s app ation,	dication o	d directly relates. I claims benefit und implete item 18 on PRIOR U.S. APP	er 35 U.S.C. the ADDED	
10. Fee	Calculation	on (37	C.F.R.	§ 1.16	)			•			
<b>A.</b> 🗆	Regular	applica	ition						·		
				CLAI	MS AS F	ILED					
Numi	ber filed			Num	ber Extra	l	F	Rate	Basic 37 C.F.R. ( \$760.	§ 1.16(a)	
Total Claims (37 § 1.16(c))		26	- 20	=	6	×	\$	18.00	108	.00	
Independe							·	•			
Claims (37			_		•						
§ 1.16(b))		4	<u> </u>	=		<u>×</u>	<u>\$</u>	78.00	78	.00	
Multiple de if any (37	•	•	•			+	\$2	260.00			
	Amendm	ent ca	ncelling	extra	claims is	enclo	sed	•			
	Amendm		_						d.		
	Fee for e		_								
pn	the fees for e	extra clair piration	ns are no of the tin	t paid on ne period	filing they n	nust be j	paid	or the cla	aims cancelled by a t and Trademark (		
			-	-	Calculation	on			s 946.	00	
B. 🗆	Design a (\$310.00-		ion							,	
	,, =	•	_		, Calculatio	on			\$		
				<b>J</b>					<del></del>		

(New Application Transmittal [4-1]—page 6 of 11)

<b>c</b> . $\square$	Plant application (\$480.00—37 C.F.I	R. § 1.16(g))	
	•	Filing fee calculation	\$
1. Sma	II Entity Statement	(s)	
×	Statement(s) that the is (are) attached.	nis is a filing by a sma	all entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27
WARNING	the status is available affect any other app indirectly dependent refiling of an applicati a continued prosecut a new determination application. A nonprosecution of a prior application or in the reference to the statement in the payment	and desired. Status as a a slication or patent, including upon the application or patent under § 1.53 as a conting a sponding as to continued entitlement evisional application claiming lication, or a reissue application to the prior application application or in the pater application a	stablished in each application or patent in which small entity in one application or patent does not a papplications or patents which are directly or ent in which the status has been established. The nuation, division, or continuation-in-part (including 3(d)), or the filing of a reissue application requires to small entity status for the continuing or reissue ag benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), 120, 121, or cation may rely on a statement filed in the prior I application or the reissue application includes a ation or in the patent or includes a copy of the int and status as a small entity is still proper and atutory filing fee will be treated as such a reference (a)(2).
WARNING		ake the required self-certing	n the person or persons signing the statement ication." M.P.E.P., § 509.03, 6th ed., rev. 2, July
	(co	mplete the following,	if applicable)
	Status as a small	entity was claimed in	prior application
			, from which benefit
	•	or this application un	der:
	35 U.S.C. § 🗆		
		120, 121,	
		365(c),	
	and which status	as a small entity is	still proper and desired.
	☐ A copy of th	e statement in the pr	ior application is included.
	Filing Fee Cal	culation (50% of A, B	or C above)
	•	\$ 473.00	<u>,                                      </u>
a	•	of the date of timely pay	ll entitiy status is established and a refund request ment of a full fee. The two-month period is not
2. Req	uest for Internation	nal-Type Search (37	C.F.R. § 1.104(d))
		(complete, if appl	icable)
	· •	international-type sea mination on the meri	rch report for this application at the time ts takes place.

13.	Fee	Payr	nent Being Made at This Time		
		Not	Enclosed		
			No filing fee is to be paid at this time. (This and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § subsequently.)	1.16(e)	can be paid
	X	Enc	losed		
		$\boxtimes$	Filing fee	\$ .	473.00
			Recording assignment (\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) (See attached "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION".)	\$ .	40.00
			Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.47 and 1.17(i))	\$ .	
			For processing an application with a specification in a non-English language (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.52(d) and 1.17(k))	\$	
			Processing and retention fee (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.53(d) and 1.21(l))	· \$	
			Fee for international-type search report (\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(e))	\$	
NO	ΠE:	failing to 37 C.F. either ti	R. \$ 1.21(I) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any appli o complete the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. \$ 1.53(I) and thi R. \$\$ 1.53 and 1.78(a)(1), indicate that in order to obtain the benef he basic filing fee must be paid, or the processing and retention for I year from notification under \$ 53(I).	is, as well a fit of a prior	s the changes to U.S. application,
			Total fees enclosed	\$ 51	3.00
14.			of Payment of Fees		
	X	Che	eck in the amount of \$473.00 and \$40.00		
		\$		in the	amount of
		· A d	uplicate of this transmittal is attached.		
NO	TE:	Fees st § 1.22(	nould be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose b).	the fees a	e paid. 37 C.F.R.

(New Application Transmittal [4-1]—page 8 of 11)



□ 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)
NOTE: ". . A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in § 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

☐ 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b))

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying, . . . the issue fee. . . " From the wording of 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b), (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.

(New Application Transmittal [4-1]—page 9 of 11)

6. Ins	structions as to Overpayment
NOTE:	" Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested with a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars make returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a).
	Credit Account No.
Σ	Refund

Reg. No. 43, 635

Tel. No. (904) 358-3777

Customer No.

SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

C. Joan Gilsdorf

(type or print name of attorney)

Draughon Professional Association
200 W. Forsyth Street

P.O. Address

Jacksonville, FL 32202

(New Application Transmittal [4-1]—page 10 of 11)

Incorp	poration by reference of added pages				
(check the following item if the application in this transmittal claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s) (including an international application entering the U.S. stage as a continuation, divisional or C-I-P application) and complete and attach the ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED)					
	Plus Added Pages for New Application Transmittal Where Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) Claimed				
	Number of pages added				
	Plus Added Pages for Papers Referred to in Item 4 Above				
	Number of pages added				
	Plus added pages deleting names of inventor(s) named in prior application(s) who is/are no longer inventor(s) of the subject matter claimed in this application.				
	Number of pages added				
X	Plus "Assignment Cover Letter Accompanying New Application"				
	Number of pages added				
Statement Where No Further Pages Added					
	no further pages form a part of this Transmittal, then end this Transmittal with is page and check the following item)				
	This transmittal ends with this page.				

PATENT
Docket No.: ABC0105.003

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Shad Hedy

Title:

System and Method for Real-Time Electronic Inquiry,

Delivery, and Reporting of Credit Information

Express Mail No.:

EE436720668US

Date of Deposit:

Oct. 19, 1999

### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

Box PATENT APPLICATION Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

I hereby certify that the subject non-provisional patent application is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee No. EE436720668US on Oct. 19,1999 and is addressed to Box PATENT APPLICATION, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, together with:

- Check for \$473.00 for basic filing fee;
- Check for \$40.00 for recording patent assignment;
- New Application Transmittal letter and form;
- Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
- Patent Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
- o Patent Assignment Cover Sheet;
- Patent Assignment Agreement;
- o Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal, together with Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each and every cited reference;
- Transmittal letter;
- Specification, Claims, and Abstract: # of sheets 31;

**PATENT** Docket No.: ABC0105.003

Drawings: # of sheets 16; and

Return Receipt Postcard

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Joan Gilsdorf

Practitioner

Reg. No. 43,635

Submitted by: <u>Joan Gilsdorf</u> Print Name

Joan Yilsdorf Signature

**Draughon Professional Association** 

200 West Forsyth Street

**Suite 1730** 

Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Phone: (904) 358-3777

FAX: (904) 353-6927





Patent Application
Docket Number: ABC0105.002

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

United States Patent Application

for

System and Method for Real-Time Electronic Inquiry, Delivery, and Reporting of Credit Information



### TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Petitioner, Advanced Business Computers of America, Inc., a Florida small business, located at 233 East State Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, prays that U.S. Letters Patent may be granted to Advanced Business Computers of America, Inc. as the assignee and owner of all rights, title and interests to this application and the subject matter set forth in the following specification.

**Assignee** 

Advanced Business Computers of America, Inc. 233 East State Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Inventor - Assignor

Shad Hedy 2335 Covington Creek Circle West Jacksonville, FL 32224

Express Mail Label No.: EE436720668US

Page 1 of 1